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will be pleased to make arrangements, to have some sort of shop in the district and thus enable its people to go and see things for themselves and then purchase?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"The question has been fully answered."

Co-operation.

Application for a loan from the Muttarasanallur Land Reclamation Society.

* 2383 Q.—Mr. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Muttarasanallur Land Reclamation Society has applied for a loan for land reclamation;
- (b) whether it has been sanctioned, and if not, why not; and
- (c) whether the Government are aware that the work is not progressing in the area for want of funds?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) 1. Applications for loans to the extent of Rs. 21,196 required by the society for complete clearance of silt from their lands have been forwarded by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to the Collector for sanction.

2. The loans required by the society for clearing part of their lands with the idea of depositing cleared sand on other portions are under the consideration of Government.

3. Applications for a loan of Rs. 3,565 are under enquiry by officers of the Co-operative department.

Co-operative society for the Depressed classes of Mambakkam.

* 2384 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the petition of the depressed classes, dated 14th July 1926, submitted, through me, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Madras, on the subject of starting a co-operative society for them at Mambakkam, Tirukkoyilur taluk, has been received;

(b) whether any enquiries have been made with reference to allegations contained in clauses (a) and (b) in the petition; and

(c) if so, with what results?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The petition was transferred to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for disposal as that officer is competent to deal with the matter.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"With reference to clause (a), may I know whether the honorary assistant registrars can take the initiative in organizing co-operative credit societies of their own accord or with the help of the inspector of co-operative credit societies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"They can organize, but the societies can be registered only by the Assistant Registrar."

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Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know if there is any minimum fixed for the number of persons who should apply to have a co-operative credit society and if so, what is the required number ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ Not less than 10.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ In clause (b), some information is asked for in regard to the allegations contained in clauses (a) and (b) of the petition. Inasmuch as those allegations are not reproduced in the question, I find it difficult to pursue it. I want to know what the allegations are.”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ Allegations of corruption.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know why only twelve honorary assistant registrars have been appointed for the whole Presidency instead of appointing at least one for each district from the members of the depressed classes ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That is a separate question.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know whether there is a member of the depressed classes as honorary assistant registrar at least in this particular district or in the particular taluk ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The question refers only to a place in the Tirukkoyilur taluk.”

Land mortgage banks in South Kanara.

* 2385 Q.—**Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE** : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of land mortgage banks started in South Kanara hitherto ; and

(b) whether the Government have started or propose to start in Uppinangadi, Karkal and Kundapur taluks the land mortgage banks, and if not, why not ?

A.—(a) Nil.

(b) There is no proposal to start a bank in the South Kanara district. No applications have yet been received from the people in the district.

Fisheries.

Arrival of the fishing trawler:

* 2386 Q.—**Mr. J. A. SALDANHA** : With reference to the answer given to my question No. 1674 on 19th March 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the fishing trawler in question has arrived ;

(b) if so, when and where it is and what it has cost altogether over and above or below the estimated cost ; and

(c) what use it has been put to ?

A.—(a) & (b) The trawler arrived at Tuticorin on the night of the 21st April 1926. It is now lying at Pamban. The entire cost of the vessel was Rs. 1,04,454 against the estimated cost of Rs. 1,45,466.